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In re application of: John E. Cronin

Serial No.: 09/781,368

Filed: February 12, 2001

Title: Network-Based System And Method For  
Facilitating Conception Of Inventions  
In a Directed MannerAttorney Docket No.: ipCG-508  
(07689-00024)

Group Art Unit: 3629

Examiner: Janice A. Mooneyham

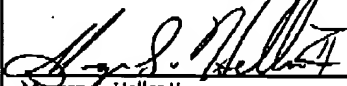
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Alexandria, VA 22313-01450

June 17, 2004

**Amendment/Response Transmittal  
Request for Extension of Time**

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Response to First Office Action with respect to the  
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- ☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL 35	MINUS	27	= 8	x \$18.00/ \$9.00 =	\$72.00
INDEPENDENT 6	MINUS	3	= 3	x \$84.00/ \$42.00 =	\$126.00
1ST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIMS				\$280.00/ \$140.00 =	\$0.00
				TOTAL	\$198.00

### REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This is a petition to extend by one (1) month the shortened statutory period for response to the Office Action for the above-identified application mailed on February 17, 2004. With this extension the new period for response expires on June 17, 2004.

1. Applicant is:

- ☐ other than a small entity.  
☒ a small entity.

2. Extension period and fee:

Small Entity

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- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1588 in the amount of \$253.00.
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Respectfully submitted,

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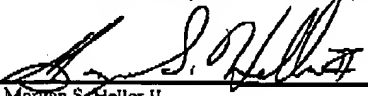
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## RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action (paper no. 5) mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 17, 2004, with respect to the above-identified patent application. Amendments to the Claims, Amendments to the Specification and Remarks concerning the Office Action appear in the sections that follow.